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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/050,907
Filed: January 18, 2002
For: **Apparatus And Methods For Separating Liquids From Solids**
Inventor: Willie Stroup
Our Ref: 02514.0007.NPUS01

Sir:


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1. Reply and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116; and
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Respectfully submitted,


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